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Dear Hal,

Trying to do too much is not a good way to write. I think you understand why I do. In between that is not in between, because I made the shift without stopping, a note of thanks. The Oswald In New Orleans:CIA Whitewash ms is done. I gave it a hasty reading and my wife is transposing a few corrections and then it is off. I went back to Manchester and hope, with the tremenduous new volume, to be able to finish it in a month. I have a number of interruptions of which I know that may prevent this schedule.

The New Orleans book is about 150,000 words. I wrote it without notes or outline but there was no choice. It includes my own material and everything important out of New Orleans up to now. I'll be adding a brief thing on the Andrews indictment when I get the full text and my own materials that seem to be lost or delayed between New Orleans and here. I'll be gging there very soon. I've had three invitations I've had to defer. I'm flattered they all want to talk with me. It began with the investigators and is now up to Garrison. I've helped them some. We'll be seeing each other again and I'll tell you the story. In Andrews' grand-hiry testimony is evidence of a threat against Garrison. He also made it explicit that Liebeler did not ask him enough or the right questions. Liebeler will now like me less. Maggie tells me he has Lifton fine-toothing II for errors. When he finds a couple, he'd best recall where they started! I think L. will keep quiet about me until he is desparate. Once he opens up he'll have more trouble avoiding me. I'm more ready now than ever. What I've gotten from one of his witnesses (shhhh!) that he kept cutting off is enough to make even him blush.

The AP story that said not for use outside of New York was used elsewhere. I got in in a New Orleans paper, so your friend need have no fear. In fact, all of that appeared elsewhere and I had the sound tape I got a long time ago and forgot about, so nothing comes from him. I have more on Carlos Marcello if you ever want it. But I did not have the Anderson piece and I did use a little of that. Andrews also once represented Marcello and knows him and knew Ferrie. The transcription you have and sent me is correct. I checked it against the sound. All the ers are right ers. I have misgivings about the too-hasty writing and the organization of some of it but the content is good, and so are my polemics, mostly against the FBI, CIA and Liebeler. I really make Liebeler stand on his own feet. They'll hurt him. I now feel that I have taken good care of the two main culprits, but I'll be giving them more attention, esp. Specter.

I've probably lost my contract on the Manchester book because of timing but I'm going to do it anyway. I cracked it today, and he's unbelievable. He has parts of the record as "unpublished documents". Envery place I go now I'll have that with me, although I've got the actual assassination stuff done from his Look pieces. He has to stand on them. When I go to N.O. I do not know. I'll probably phone tomorrow. I got to Milwaukee this Fridat night for a radio appearance that night and an all-day "action meeting" centering around me the next day.

It is sponsored by the Wesley Foundation, a church, and is University-connected. The minister is inviting the Senators to meet with and if they chose argue with me. Good. I may combine this and the N.O. trips if I can to save time and money.

I have a hunch Garrison will wind up tackling Hoover because he'll have no choice. It will make him if he does because he can really do something. I'm assuming not that he has the guts, which he might, but that he will not want to sink so early in his career.

What Lane did down there was noted by the courts, with disapproval. I have a notion we'll be hearing of it in the Shaw trial. It is not good. I'm making no announcements and will seek no press when I'm there. I do not expect to be able to avoid it entirely but I'll initiate nothing.

Had a note from Jim Eason today. He's not doing anything and is worried about the quiet.

By the way, Ball, who has not answered my last letter, of which I sent you a copy, made a statement 3/16/67 that I'd like very much to have. Dell is doing II and is interested in New Orleans. Either one may take me out there again, so I'd like to be ready. I've been challenging Roberts, as I believe I told you, and let him be silent for a while longer. I've done it though Salinger and his publisher also. I'll soon write him another letter demanding an apology and specifying why.

Longer than I'd expected. Lil/ is calling me to supper, then I'm back towork. Excuse the typos that I'll not have time to check. Again thanks to you and everyone.

Best,